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OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE,

OF THE

METHODIST E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

FOR THE YEAR

1854.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED THE

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MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, OF
THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, HELD IN COLUMBIA, S. C.,
NOVEMBER, 1854.

Rev. GEORGE F. PIERCE, D. D., *Bishop*, Culverton, Ga.

Rev. PAUL A. M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*, St. George's, S. C.

1. WHAT PREACHERS ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL ?

F. Milton Kennedy, Alexander B. Stephens, Casper E. Wiggins, John W. Crider, Eugene W. Thompson, William A. Hemmingway, Jesse S. Nelson, S. Barksdale Jones, Landy Wood, R. Thornton Capers, Minton A. Connelly, George R. Andrews. *Re-admitted*, Tilman D. Peurifoy.

2. WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL ?

Edward D. Boyden, Jacob S. Connor, Joshua T. Dubose, Rob't W. Burgess, Lewis M. Hamer, Daniel A. Ogburn.

3. WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION ?

George W. Stokes, Wm. H. Lawton, A. H. Lester, James S. Erwin, E. A. Price, George W. M. Creighton, Robert L. Abernathy.

4. WHO ARE THE DEACONS ?

Osgood A. Darby, Wm. M. Easterling, who were ordained last year; and George W. Stokes, Wm. H. Lawton, A. H. Lester, James S. Erwin, E. A. Price, George W. M. Creighton, and Rob't L. Abernathy, who were ordained this year.

5. WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR ?

F. Asbury Mood, J. Wesley Miller, Wm. M. Mood, Thomas Raysor, Wm. E. Boone, George W. Ivy, Daniel May, Wm. A. Clarke, James T. Kilgo, Wm. B. Currie, Wm. W. Jones, and David D. Byars.

6. WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR ?

Henry A. Bass.

7. WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARIES ?

Charles S. Walker, and Robert L. Abernathy.

8. WHO ARE THE SUPERANNUATED OR WORN-OUT PREACHERS ?

John A. Mood, Samuel W. Capers, W. J. Jackson, A. M. Forster, James L. Belin, James Dannelly, Campbell Smith, Jacob Hill, John Watts, Reddick Pierce, Joel W. Townsend, Henry Bass, Hartwell Spain, and James T. Munds.

9. WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE CONNECTION THIS YEAR ?

None.

10. WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONNECTION THIS YEAR ?

Charles O. Lamotte.

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11. ARE ALL THE PREACHERS BLAMELESS IN LIFE AND CONVERSATION?

Their characters were strictly examined by calling over their names severally before the Conference.

12. WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR?

Rev. SAMUEL DUNWOODY was born in Chester co., Pennsylvania, Aug. 3d, 1780, and departed this life, July 8th, 1854. He was converted to God in his 22d year, and was recommended to the So. Ca. Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Ogeechee circuit, in company with the Rev. Wm. M. Kennedy, of precious memory. He was admitted on trial in the So. Ca. Conference, in 1806, and appointed to Bladen and Brunswick circuit, N. C., stationed in Savannah, Ga., in 1807, where he organized the first Methodist Society, in a house hired for the double purpose of school-room and church. In 1808 he was stationed in Wilmington, N. C., 1809 in Fayetteville, 1810 in Georgetown, S. C., 1811 in Charleston. In 1812 he was appointed Presiding Elder of Mississippi District, but was afterward changed for some reason unknown, and stationed in Charleston; this year he was elected a delegate to the first delegated General Conference held in New York. In 1813 he was stationed in St. Mary's, Ga., 1814 in Charleston, 1815 and 1816 in Columbia, S. C., 1817 and 1818 in in Augusta Ga., 1819 in Camden, 1820 Sandy River circuit, 1821 Wilmington, N. C., 1822 Fayetteville, 1823 Georgetown, S. C., 1824 Charleston, 1825 Augusta, 1826 Santee circuit, 1827 Liberty circuit, Ga., 1828 Newberry circuit, 1829 Santee, 1830 and 1831 Sandy River circuit, 1832 and 1833 Orangeburg, 1834 Cooper River circuit, 1835 Black Swamp, 1836 Columbia circuit, 1837 Cypress circuit, 1838 and 1839 Cokesbury circuit, 1840 Orangeburg, 1841 Laurens, 1842 and 1843 Edgefield circuit, 1844 and 1845 Newberry. In 1846 he was superannuated, and reluctantly retired from the field of active and useful labor, after a term of nearly 40 years service. As a preacher, brother Dunwoody deserves more than a passing notice. He was an original, both as to matter and manner. In body strong and vigorous, he survived most of his compeers. In mind clear and logical, his sermons were master pieces of their kind. As a controversialist, he drew his arguments and illustrations mostly from the Word of God, and they did wonderful execution. As a student, he was eminently a man of *one book*, and that book the Bible. As a christian, his experience was scriptural, and his example irreproachable. As a pioneer of Methodism, he was bold and undaunted, and he lived to see the handful of seed scattered in his early youth, multiply into an abundant harvest. The disease which terminated his life was paralysis, and he sank gently into the arms of death, as a child would fall asleep on the bosom of its mother. No violence, no struggle, not even a groan marked his exit from this world of sin and sorrow. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

13. WHAT NUMBERS ARE IN OUR CHURCH IN THE BOUNDS OF THE CONF.?

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Local Elders.	Deacons.	Licentiates.	Whites.	Colored.	Amount raised for Missions.	Amount raised for S. School Books.	No. of Schools.	Superintendents.	Teachers.	Children.	Vols in Library.	Bibles and Test's Distributed.	Amount raised for Conference Collections.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.														
Cumberland.....	1			208	1397	524 00	119 02	2 4	44	1004	869	120	150 00	
Trinity.....	1			277	2015		75 02	2 4	28	393	1025	18	150 00	
Bethel.....	1	1		187	1530	260 00	20 00	2 2	11	200	650		100 00	
St. James.....			1	187	234	139 00	26 53	2 2	11	73	250		35 00	
Black Swamp.....	1	2	1	453	668	427 81	30 00	5 5	17	96	122	12	160 00	
Walterboro.....	2	2	2	790	927	393 50	46 9	9 9	38	262	500		195 00	
Orangeburgh.....	5	1	3	750	1013	000 00		4 4	10	90	110		172 50	
Cypress.....	4	2	3	1211	1233	658 68	9 07	7 9	30	164	240		148 00	
Cooper River.....	3	4	1	456	739	175 00		4 4	9	115			58 00	
Savannah River Mission				6	496									
Combahee & Ashepoo do					784	844 00								
Round O. do					216	107 00								
Pon Pon do		1			592	477 00								
Okatie do				24	217									
Cooper River do					640									
Beaufort & Pr Wm's do				20	330			1 1	3	30	80			
Edisto Island do					678	295 00								
St. Andrews do				16	330									
COKESBURY DISTRICT.														
Cokesbury.....	4	1	1	4555	1084	4900 99	280 10	38 44	201	2427	3846	150	1168 50	
Abbeville Station.....	1			47	200	32 50		1 1	6	30	150		75 00	
Abbeville Circuit.....	3	1	1	450	590	170 00	10 00	2 3	9	60	100		46 00	
Edgefield.....	2	4		813	1010	300 75		8					60 00	
Pendleton.....	4	4	4	820	376	102 60		5 7	23	120	220		22 15	
Pickens.....	1	1	1	424	42	20 00							13 00	
Greenville Circuit.....	3	3		985	205	173 34	30 34	6 6	47	399	555	12	50 00	
Greenville Station.....	1	1		95	297	60 00	8 50	1	10	60	950		30 00	
Union Circuit.....	2		1	896	678	400 25		3 3	20	85	400		176 55	
Laurens.....	3	2	3	631	493	318 00	3 00	3 3	19	101	200		65 60	
Newberry Station.....				75	404	102 97	15 00	1 2	12	60	100	8	21 40	
Newberry Circuit.....	1	3		832	1385	285 65	23 00	5 5	17	106	650	85	99 92	
Mt. Tryon.....				444	65	31 00							6 00	
Jocassee Mission.....				113	3	20 10		2 2	2	40			1 05	
COLUMBIA DISTRICT.														
Washington Street.....	25	19	11	7135	6513	2488 16	134 84	43 39	189	1311	3925	105	666 67	
Marion.....	1	1	1	250	506	1863 80		1 2	15	148	580		150 00	
Lexington.....	1	3	2	152	158	267 00	70 00	1 2	14	136	652		75 00	
Columbia Circuit.....				657	588	218 25	6 00	6 6	13	200	500		42 15	
Winnsboro and Chester	1			326	256	197 13		5 5	21	127	561		50 00	
Chester Circuit.....				119	506	61 56		2 3	8	45	525		53 25	
Fairfield.....	1			393	263	456 90		1 1	6	40			75 00	
Sumterville.....			1	246	294	100 00	30 00	6 6	25	300	1000		30 00	
Santee.....	2	2	1	184	415	155 50	13 00	1 2	14	130	500		74 00	
Sumter.....	1	3	3	502	953	123 50	10 22	9 9	41	183	379	104	50 00	
Barnwell.....	2	5	1	712	1452	304 50	15 00	8 9	37	210	200	90	100 00	
Congaree Mission.....			2	478	614	206 71		3 3	9	138			103 30	
Upper Santee do				11	306									
Graniteville & Aiken do		1	1	53	757	285 61								
				108	64	121 25	5 00	1 1	10	75	700	7	25 00	
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.														
Georgetown.....	6	12	14	4191	8132	4361 71	149 22	44 49	203	1722	5497	201	807 70	
Black River.....	2		3	227	981	500 00	46 30	2 2	20	125	350		82 25	
Conwayboro.....			6	945	1306	230 00	8 00	3 3	15	95	400	12	50 00	
Marion.....	2	0	2	1035	426	415 30		10 10	29	207		92	55 10	
Marion et.....	2	0	2	198	208	115 00	17 00	1 1	5	30	150		50 50	
Bennettsville.....	4	8	10	1314	805	294 00		10 13	43	298	160		67 00	
Darlington.....	2	6	3	1057	541	667 00		7 7	39	190	671		100 00	
Cheraw.....	1	5	2	959	745	470 00	50 00	10 13	73	520	600	112	41 00	
Santee Mission.....				98	185	143 00	13 95	1 1	11	39	425		70 10	
Sampit do			5	723	280									
Black River & Pee Dee do		1		179	300								5 00	
Black Mingo do				90	1405	292 40								
Waccamaw do				14	260	330 75								
Society Hill do				35	609	358 00								
Cheraw col'd do				5	143	170 00								
Liberty Chapel do				1	241	263 50								
				44	57	75 00								
	12	19	26	6027	8814	4953 95	135 25	44 50	235	1504	2756	216	520 95	

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CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.														
Camden.....	1			129	405	203 60	21 75	2	3	9	109	797		57 00
Lancaster.....				650	700	250 00	5 00	7	7	20	115	100	1	40 00
Charlotte.....	1	1	1	130	175	41 37	29 00	1	1	13	75	560		23 80
Charlotte Circuit.....				931	574	133 04		4	4	22	123			
Pleasant Grove.....		3	1	627	276	100 00		8	8	29	214			25 00
Concord.....			1	624	353	222 00	162 00	6	6	38	264	1100		60 00
Albemarle.....	1	1	2	721	110	200 00	32 25	11	15	48	400	1094	37	
Wadesboro'.....			1	113	137	160 00		1	1	8	90	350	55	
Wadesboro ct.....	1	4		977	414	560 00	42 00	10	11	42	292	1169	175	
Chesterfield.....		2	1	685	421	117 55	21 00	7	7	33	179	500		44 00
Waterree Mission.....				37	872									
Long Town do.....				52	127	117 50		1	1	5	40			
Landsford do.....				94	219	125 00	10 00	1	1	3	33		13	
	4	12	7	5770	4783	2336 06	323 00	59	65	270	2634	5670	281	246 80
SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.														
Spartanburg.....				151	90	201 88	33 00	2	2	14	125	650		40 00
Spartanburg Circuit.....	2		1	640	255	60 00	6 00	8	8	42	210			32 00
Rutherford.....	2			1188	400	170 00		8	8	14	480	600		7 00
Lincolnton.....	3			556	305	133 75		5	5	27	179	200		33 50
Dallas.....	1			329	94	41 40		7	7	23	210	103	8	12 32
Catawba.....				901	168	125 25	10 00	14	21	71	453	650	45	25 00
South Mountain Miss.....				248	3	41 00		3	3	8	70	45	50	41
Shelby.....	1	2		550	93	78 60	15 00	9	14	50	300	512		25 00
Morganton.....		1	3	730	484	63 25		7	7	25	175			7 50
McDowell.....	1	1	1	416	195	71 00	4 00	2	2	8	80	100	15	10 03
Lenoir.....		1	4	803	163	75 00		7	7	25	152	50		21 30
Yorkville.....				75	179	45 75	12 00	1	2	8	45	400		25 00
Yorkville Circuit.....			1	356	506	65 85	10 00	2	2	12	80	145		18 50
	10	3	12	6943	2935	1172 73	90 00	75	88	327	2559	3452	118	257 53
RECAPITULATION.														
Charleston.....	19	10	11	4555	14084	4900 99	280 10	38	44	201	2427	3846	150	1168 50
Cokesbury.....	25	19	11	7135	6513	2488 16	134 84	43	39	189	1311	3925	105	666 67
Columbia.....	6	12	14	4191	8134	4361 71	149 22	44	49	203	1722	4597	201	807 70
Georgetown.....	12	19	26	6027	8814	4953 95	135 25	44	50	235	1504	2756	216	520 95
Charlotte.....	4	12	7	5770	4783	2336 06	323 00	59	65	270	2634	5670	281	246 80
Spartanburg.....	10	3	12	6943	2935	1172 73	90 00	75	88	327	2559	3452	118	257 53
Total, this year.....	76	75	81	34621	45261	20213 60	1112 41	303	335	1425	12156	24156	1071	2668 15
Do. last year.....	71	82	84	33214	42278	21709 15	1008 79	305	369	1574	9096	18077	715	3664 93

14. WHAT AMOUNTS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS, AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF PREACHERS, AND TO MAKE UP THE DEFICIENCIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT OBTAINED THEIR REGULAR ALLOWANCE ON THE CIRCUITS?
\$4,052.00.

15. WHAT HAS BEEN COLLECTED ON THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS, AND HOW HAS IT BEEN APPLIED?

The amount received is \$3,873.21, and has been appropriated as follows—being a discount of 7 per cent.

To the Rev. Sam'l Dunwoody,	\$186 00
" W. J. Jackson,	186 00
" A. M. Forster,	186 00
" J. L. Belin,	186 00
" James Dannelly,	230 64
" Campbell Smith,	334 80

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To the Rev. Jacob Hill,	\$186 00
" Jno. Watts,	230 64
" Reddick Pierce,	93 00
" J. W. Townsend,	208 32
" Bond English,	186 00
" H. Spain,	186 00
" H. Bass,	186 00
Mrs. Gamewell,	93 00
" Asbury,	93 00
" Hill,	93 00
" Morgan,	93 00
" Kennedy,	93 00
" McPherson,	93 00
" Davies,	93 00
" Turpin,	93 00
" Tarrant,	93 00
" Bunch,	93 00
" McMakin and child,	115 32
" McDaniel and children,	137 64
Rev. J. M. Bradley,	49 87
" D. May,	54 93

16. WHAT HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTED FOR THE SUPPORT OF ~~Missions~~
WHAT FOR THE PUBLICATION OF TRACTS AND SUNDAY ~~School~~
BOOKS, AND WHAT TO AID THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY ~~AND ITS~~
AUXILIARIES?

For Missions, \$22,766.12; for Sunday School Books, \$1,124.44.

17. WHERE ARE THE PREACHERS STATIONED THIS YEAR?

CHARLESTON DIST.—*Hugh A. C. Walker, P. E.*

Charleston: Cumberland, *Samuel Leard.*

 " Trinity, *Joseph Cross.*

 " Bethel, *John T. Wightman.*

 " St. James', *William E. Boone.*

Cooper river ct., *Abner Erwin*, Casper E. Wiggins.

Cooper river miss., *George W. Moore.*

St. Andrews miss., To be supplied.

Cypress ct., *Allen McCorquodale.*

St. George's ct., *Paul A. M. Williams.*

St. George's and St. Paul's miss., *Abram Nettles.*

Pon Pon miss., *William C. Kirkland.*

Walterboro' ct., *Alexander W. Walker*, F. Milton Kennedy.

Ashepoo and Combahee miss., *Peyton G. Bowman*, E. A. ~~Pratt~~.

Prince William's miss., *William Hutto.*

Black Swamp ct., *Aaron G. Stacy*, Basil G. Jones.

Savannah river miss., *John D. W. Crook*, Daniel A. ~~Oglethorpe~~.

Oakatie Miss., To be supplied.

Edisto and Jehosse miss., *Charles Wilson.*

Beaufort miss., *John R. Coburn.*

GEORGETOWN DIST.—*Charles Betts, P. E.*Georgetown, *Claudius H. Pritchard.*Santee miss., *Martin Eaddy, J. S. Connor.*Sampit miss., *Thomas Mitchel.*Black river and Pee Dee miss., *A. M. Chrietzburg, Jas. S. Erwin.*Black river ct., *M. L. Banks, Wm. W. Jones.*Black Mingo miss., *Joseph Parker.*Conwayboro' ct., *Jacob L. Shuford, R. Thornton Capers.*Waccamaw miss., *Wm. Carson, George W. Stokes.*Marion station, *Bond English.*Marion ct., *Henry M. Mood, Edward D. Boyden.*Bennettsville ct., *Lewis M. Little, John W. Crider.*Society Hill miss., *Israel P. Hughes.*Cheraw, *Hilliard C. Parsons.*Darlington ct., *M. A. McKibben, Lewis M. Hamer.*Liberty Chapel miss., *John A. Minnick.*COLUMBIA DIST.—*William Crook, P. E.*Columbia: Washington-st., *Whatcoat A. Gamewell.*" Marion-st., *F. Asbury Mood.*Congaree miss., *Nicholas Talley.*Columbia ct., *Alexander L. Smith.*Barnwell ct., *Simpson Jones, William A. Hemmingway.*Orangeburgh ct., *D. J. Simmons, William H. Lawton.*Lexington ct., *Tilman D. Peurifoy, William M. Mood.*Santee ct., *David W. Seale.*Upper Santee miss., *Abram P. Avant.*Sumterville, *William H. Fleming.*Sumter ct., *Julius J. Fleming, R. W. Burgess.*Fairfield ct., *Cornelius McLeod.*Winnsboro' and Chesterville, *John W. North.*Chester ct., *James H. Ward.**Colin Murchison, Agent for Columbia Female College.*CHARLOTTE DIST.—*D. Derrick, P. E.*Charlotte, *John R. Pickett.*Charlotte ct., *John W. J. Harris, Jesse S. Nelson.*Concord ct., *Paul F. Kistler.*Albemarle ct., *William C. Clarke.*Wadesboro', *Osgood A. Darby.*Wadesboro' ct., *Sidi H. Brown, Eugene W. Thompson.*Chesterfield ct., *Daniel McDonald.*Camden, *James Stacy.*Wateree miss., *H. E. Ogburn, Andrew J. Cauthen.*Lancaster, *John H. Robinson.*Pleasant Grove, *William M. Easterling.*Dutchman's Creek miss., *Lewis A. Johnson.**Tracy R. Walsh, President of Carolina Female College.*

SPARTANBURG DIST.—*John W. Kelly, P. E.*

Spartanburg station, *William Martin, C. S. Walker, sup.*

Spartanburg ct., *Daniel May, Minton A. Connelly.*

Rutherford ct., *Robert P. Franks, George R. Andrews.*

Lincolnton ct., *William C. Patterson.*

Dallas ct., *William A. Clarke.*

Catawba ct., *John Finger, R. L. Abernathy, sup.*

Shelby, *J. Wesley Miller.*

Morganton, *Elias J. Meynardie.*

McDowell, *David D. Byars.*

Lenoir, *Willis S. Haltom.*

Yorkville station, *George W. M. Creighton.*

Yorkville ct., *Jacky M. Bradley.*

William M. Wightman, President of Wofford College.

COKEBURY DIST.—*R. J. Boyd, P. E.*

Cokesbury ct. *Henry H. Durant, Archibald H. Lester.*

Graniteville and Aiken, *John A. Porter.*

Edgefield, *John H. Zimmerman, Frederick Rush.*

Newberry station, *William A. McSwain.*

Newberry ct., *Miles Puckett, Joshua T. Dubose.*

Union ct., *William P. Mouzon, Landy Wood.*

Tiger River miss., *Williamson Smith.*

Laurens, *Thomas Raysor, A. H. Harmon.*

Greenville station, *Whitefoord Smith.*

Greenville ct., *A. B. McGilvray, A. B. Stephens.*

Mt. Tryon, *Lewis Scarbrough.*

Jocassee miss., *A. P. Martin.*

Pickens, *William B. Currie.*

Pendleton, *S. Barksdale Jones, George W. Ivy.*

James W. Wightman, Teacher in Cokesbury School.

Samuel Townsend, Agent for Tract Cause in S. C. Conference.

A. M. Shipp, Professor in North Carolina University.

Charles Taylor and Benjamin Jenkins, Missionaries to China.

18. WHERE AND WHEN SHALL OUR NEXT CONFERENCE BE HELD?

At Marion C. H., S. C.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE S. C. CONFERENCE.

AUXILIARY TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.—William M. Wightman, President; C. Betts, 1st Vice President; H. A. C. Walker, 2d Vice President; William A. McSwain, Secretary; E. H. Myers, Treasurer. Managers: Whitefoord Smith, C. S. Walker, William Martin, Paul A. M. Williams, C. Murchison, James Stacy, N. Talley, C. H. Pritchard, and William Crook.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the S. C. Conference Missionary Society, beg to present the following as their Report for the year 1854:

Twenty-six years ago, the South Carolina Conference began a system of regular ecclesiastical operations among the plantation negroes of the low-country, by establishing two missions, lying, one of them south of Ashley river, and the other on Santee and Pee Dee rivers. Bishop M'Kendree, of revered memory, appointed from among the ministers of the Conference, two missionaries for this work—then an untried experiment. During the first year, about \$300 were raised throughout the Conference, for the cause of missions. The labors of these pioneer missionaries, during the same period, resulted in the gathering of 417 church members. One of these good men died in September, of bilious fever, taken from exposure in the swamps of his field of operations. The very outset of the enterprise cost the life of a missionary. But this sacrifice furnished proof that the heroic spirit of the ancient faith was not yet extinct in the church; and that Methodist preachers knew how to die at their posts, though these might lie among the rice-fields and negro-quarters.

Nearly a generation has passed away since that day, and it is an interesting matter of inquiry, how far the small beginning, just mentioned, has advanced in a quarter of a century; what practical results have grown out of it; what aspect the field now wears; and what we may safely count upon for the future.

That there has been a large development, the statistics which this Society has published year by year, will fully prove. In 1833, two additional missionary stations were established. In 1834 they numbered six; in 1835 eight; in 1836 nine; in 1837 ten; and ten years afterwards, viz., in 1847, there were 17 missions,

served by 25 efficient preachers of the Conference. At present there are 26 missionary stations, on which are employed 32 ministers, who are supported by the Society. The number of church members is 11,546, including 1,175 whites. The missionary revenue has risen from \$300 to \$25,000. These are the material results, so far as statistics are concerned. They call for devout acknowledgments to God, who has put honor upon this department of our work, and given us abundant favor in the sight of the community in carrying on a line of operations confessedly difficult and delicate.

If we look a little beyond mere statistics, several important results will fix our attention.

And 1st, we are warranted in affirming that public opinion in South Carolina is decidedly in favor of the religious instruction of the negroes, both as a dictate of duty and a matter of policy. In slaveholding communities, public opinion, in all that concerns the established relation of master and servant, must be regarded as an element of highest potency. That the religious sentiment of the country should be directed, clearly and strongly, in favor of furnishing the colored population, particularly the plantation negroes, with the means of hearing the "Gospel of their salvation," and of learning their duty to God, and their accountability in a future life, is a cheering evidence that the labors of this Society—the pioneer in direct and well-sustained missionary efforts among the blacks, have not been fruitless. The case might have been otherwise. Had slaveholders in the South been the merciless despots which Northern fanatics of high and low degree, unite in representing them to be—had they sternly bidden away from their plantations the approach of the missionaries, and closed up all access to their people—had they justified the wretched and false calumnies, which it is the fashion of the northern American press to heap upon them, by showing that they either hated or feared the spread of religious influence among their slaves, and set their faces against all efforts made for their instruction in the knowledge of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ, your Society would have been compelled, years ago, to abandon in hopeless despair, a field which now flourishes, and brings forth fruit to the glory of God. But far different has been the actual result. Your preachers have been welcomed; chapels have been built; liberal contributions have been furnished year by year to your funds by the planters; a deep interest has been awakened on the subject; master and servant worship together; the spirit of Christian light and love has reacted upon the one while it has directly benefitted the other; and in proportion to the spread of religious truth and influence among the blacks, is the satisfaction felt by thousands of masters. Are we wrong in considering this as one of the most cheering aspects of the whole subject?

2d. The influence of Christianity upon the negro population, served by the missionaries of this Society, demands our notice. The Gospel is a message intended for *all* men. It takes up in its grand generalizations, the bond as well as the free. Its offer of salvation is meant to be irrespective of all outward conditions. That it should be preached to all classes of men is the distinct and clearly revealed will of God, and therefore, matter of duty and obligation to the church. Now, if nothing more had been accomplished than the meeting of this solemn responsibility, *that* would have been doing much. Success is with God; duty is for us. And so too, it were matter of special thankfulness with every right-minded master, that in the peculiar relation sustained by him to his slaves, it had been in his power to welcome and aid the Christian minister in preaching Jesus and the Resurrection to his dependents, even though no visible fruit of holiness appeared as the result. But beyond all this, it is confidently believed that Christian influence has made itself felt in the conscience, conversation, and life of thousands of the blacks. A vast deal of ignorance has been in the way, on the part of the old negroes; many superstitious notions, many fixed habits of immorality, have opposed barriers to the entrance of God's Word to the inner man; the improvement on the part of the younger generation, has not been as extensive as their opportunities of instruction. *Where, indeed, shall we go to find, as yet, the universal sway of Christianity; and where is that community in which it has been allowed to cure all the evils of man's nature?* While, however, we do not claim that any very extraordinary success in the conversion of the blacks has followed the ministrations of your missionaries, we yet confidently believe that in a great number of instances, and on all the missionary stations, the force of Christian truth, and the power of Christian motives, and the renewing influences of the Holy Ghost have been felt. It is obvious that much of the instruction given in the ministrations of the missionaries must, of necessity, deal in the first principles of Christianity; must be to a large extent adapted to an humble grade of intellect and a limited extent of information; and must make its impression by constant and patient reiteration. This is precisely what is doing all the time. No romance surrounds such a field of labor; it lacks all the elements which stir the enthusiasm of lofty minds; it is in the highest degree a work of faith, demanding the patience of hope, and the labor of love. Your missionaries are occasionally cheered by some death-bed scene, in some lowly cabin of a negro quarter. Instead of the stupid indifference of a semi-brutal nature, or the frantic moanings of a terrified superstition, they witness the calm confidence of a faith which leans on the bosom of Jesus—the Man of sorrows—the Son of God; and trusts his merits for salvation in a crisis which baffles the proudest reason, and prostrates the loftiest imagination.

But 3dly, it is worthy of notice that the missionary work, as it is carried on in South Carolina, embraces, in addition to the regular preaching of divine truth, the constant catechetical instruction of the young negroes. This is uniformly done orally. These "little children" are brought to Christ. Is it saying too much to affirm that of many such in the kingdom of heaven? Christian nurture thus grows with their growth. Correct ideas of God, of duty, of the relations of time and eternity, of human accountability—the foundation principles of Christian character and life, are laid in the earliest years of these catechumens. All true and trust-worthy morality, in all classes of society, and particularly in the class now specially referred to, springs from these principles incorporated into the inner life. We begin with the nascent growth of the intellect; and the system has demonstrated the entire practicability of the moral improvement of the slave. The lessons imprinted on the mind of childhood may be neglected, and their authority spurned in after life, as in the case of others, in different circumstances; but they can never be forgotten. They cling to the memory; they haunt the conscience; they whisper in the still small voice; they work valuable restraints; they furnish salutary directions; they inspire hopes connected with the soul's best interests; they form a life-long testimony for God and goodness, and against sin and its fearful retributions in the life to come.

Now, it would be singular indeed, if this implantation of moral elements and forces, fitted to act directly upon the formation of character and to mould the moral nature, should lead to no observable good results upon the general deportment and every-day conduct of the negro plantation. It is granted that to look for moral results in the absence of moral causes—for honesty, fidelity, industry, sobriety, kindness, and self-restraint, where no moral instruction has been imparted, would be as absurd as to expect to reap where we have not sown. But we are not proceeding on the basis of any such absurdity. We do not sever the tree from the root, and then look for the bloom and fragrance of Spring and the fruits of Summer. We give the moral nurture, correct the rising vices of these children, train their hopes and fears by the solemn considerations of a hereafter; and we have a right to expect results salutary to the individual and the entire plantation community.

Success, to a large degree, has crowned these exertions. The testimony of masters and missionaries goes to show that a wholesome effect has been produced upon the character of the negro population generally. A change for the better is visible every where when the present generation is contrasted with the past; and in how many cases the Gospel has proved the power of God to salvation, and presented before the throne the spirits of these children of Ham redeemed and washed by "the blood of

sprinkling," and fitted for an abode in heaven, the revelations of the last day will disclose. Results such as these, lie, of course, beyond the track of mortal observation; but if your missionaries have indeed been instrumental in developing and directing aright the sentiment of religion, the capability of understanding and knowing God so as to fear him; of guiding to peace and virtue, and at last to heaven, any number of these docile and lowly, but yet immortal beings, for whom Christ died, their achievements deserve to be reckoned among the noblest triumphs of missionary patience and zeal; none the less important that they lie *at home*, nor the less note-worthy in contrast with the turbulent, malign, and desolating phrenzy at the North; which making the civil and social relations of this class of our population the pretext, has carried politics into the pulpit, and is now pushing the miners and sappers to the very foundations of the federal Union.

It affords the Board of Managers pleasure to call attention to the fact, that at the instance of the late General Conference, the college of Bishops, in their distribution of episcopal visitations, has made provision to embrace hereafter, these missions to the blacks in their regular visitations. Bishop Capers, it is understood, will make a tour through them, next Spring. Such an arrangement will be regarded as eminently due to the importance of this department of our ecclesiastical work, and will, we doubt not, be alike agreeable to our honorable patrons and their dependents.

The Board having frequently heretofore, referred to foreign missions in their annual Reports, take the liberty at the present time to confine the attention of the Missionary Society to the subject of the home work; concluding the present Report with a brief statistical view of the several fields of labor under the immediate charge of the Society.

1. The *Wateree Mission* was served the past year by Revs. S. W. and R. T. Capers, who report 37 white and 872 colored members, and 390 children catechised.

2. The *Landsford Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. L. A. Johnson, who reports 4 preaching places, 87 white, 205 colored members.

3. The *Savannah River Mission* was served the past year by Revs. J. D. W. Crook and Jacob S. Connor, who report 15 plantations served, 9 preaching places, 6 white, 496 colored members.

4. The *Ashepoo Mission* was served the past year by Rev. P. G. Bowman, who reports 17 plantations served, 341 church members, and 150 children catechised.

5. The *Congaree Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. N. Talley, who reports 17 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 11 white, and 267 colored members, and 280 children catechised.

6. The *Pen Pon Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. W. C. Kirkland, who reports 11 plantations served, 592 church members, and 182 children catechised.

7. *Upper Santee Mission* was served the past year by Revs. A. P. Avant and S. Owens, who report 28 plantations, 8 preaching places, 53 white, and 757 colored members, and 250 children catechised.

8. The *Santee Mission* was served the past year by Rev. M. Eaddy, who reports 16 preaching places, 728 members of the church, and 339 children catechised.

9. The *Sampit Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. Thomas Mitchell, who reports 5 preaching places, 179 church members, and 200 children catechised.

10. The *Graniteville and Aiken Mission* was served the past year by Rev. C. McLeod, who reports 108 white and 64 colored members. There is a Sabbath School on this Mission (white) of 1 Superintendent, 10 Teachers, and 75 children.

11. The *Black River and Pee Dee Mission* was served the past year by Revs. J. L. Shuford and D. A. Ogburn, who report 10 plantations served, 10 preaching places, 100 white, and 1,420 colored members, and 358 children catechised.

12. The *Black Mingo Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. Jas. Parker, who reports 21 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 214 white, and 260 colored members, and 450 children catechised.

13. The *Waccamaw Mission* was served the past year by Revs. M. L. Banks and William Carson, who report 16 plantations served, 5 preaching places, 41 white, and 636 colored members, and 503 children catechised.

14. The *Society Hill Mission* was served the past year by Rev. L. P. Hughes, who reports 15 plantations, 5 preaching places, 5 white, 143 colored members, and 230 children catechised.

15. The *Cheraw Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. F. Rush, who reports 23 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 242 church members, and 226 children catechised.

16. *Liberty Chapel Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. P. Martin, who reports 5 preaching places, 44 white, and 157 colored members, and 125 children catechised.

17. The *South Mountain Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. B. G. Jones, who reports 248 white and 3 colored members. There are 3 Sabbath Schools, 3 Superintendents, 8 teachers, 70 children, and 45 volumes in library. (This Mission is to the whites.)

18. The *Beaufort Mission* was served the past year by the Revs. G. W. Moore and C. O. Lamotte, who report 24 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 20 white, 330 colored members, and 550 children catechised.

19. The *Combahee Mission* was served the past year by the

Rev. J. R. Coburn, who reports 19 plantations served, 8 preaching places, 443 church members, and 305 children catechised.

20. The *Round O Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. P. A. M. Williams, who reports 13 plantations served, 216 church members, and 163 children catechised. The Board do not recommend the continuance of this Mission.

21. The *Edisto and Jehosse Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. Charles Wilson, who reports 12 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 678 church members, and 150 children catechised.

22. The *Cooper River Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. Erwin, who reports 9 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 640 church members, and 160 children catechised.

23. The *Long Town Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. Jno. A. Porter, who reports 3 preaching places, 58 white, and 152 colored members. There is on this Mission a Sunday School (white) of 1 Superintendent and 40 children.

24. The *Jocassee Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. H. Harmon, who reports 11 preaching places, 103 white, and 3 colored members. There are 2 Sabbath Schools, 2 Superintendents, 3 teachers, and 40 children.

25. The *Oakatie Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. J. Green, who reports 24 white and 217 colored members.

26. The *St. Andrews Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. R. Danner, who reports 15 plantations served, 5 preaching places, 16 white, and 330 colored members, and 75 children catechised.

The Missions are all reported to be in a sound and prosperous condition.

The *Landsford* and *Long Town Missions* have been merged into one, and the Mission called *Dutchman's Creek*.

The Board respectfully recommend the formation of two new Missions: One to be called *St. George's and St. Paul's*, and the other to be called *Tiger River Mission*; both for the benefit of the colored people.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance beg leave to present their Report. They deeply regret their inability to pay off all claims against

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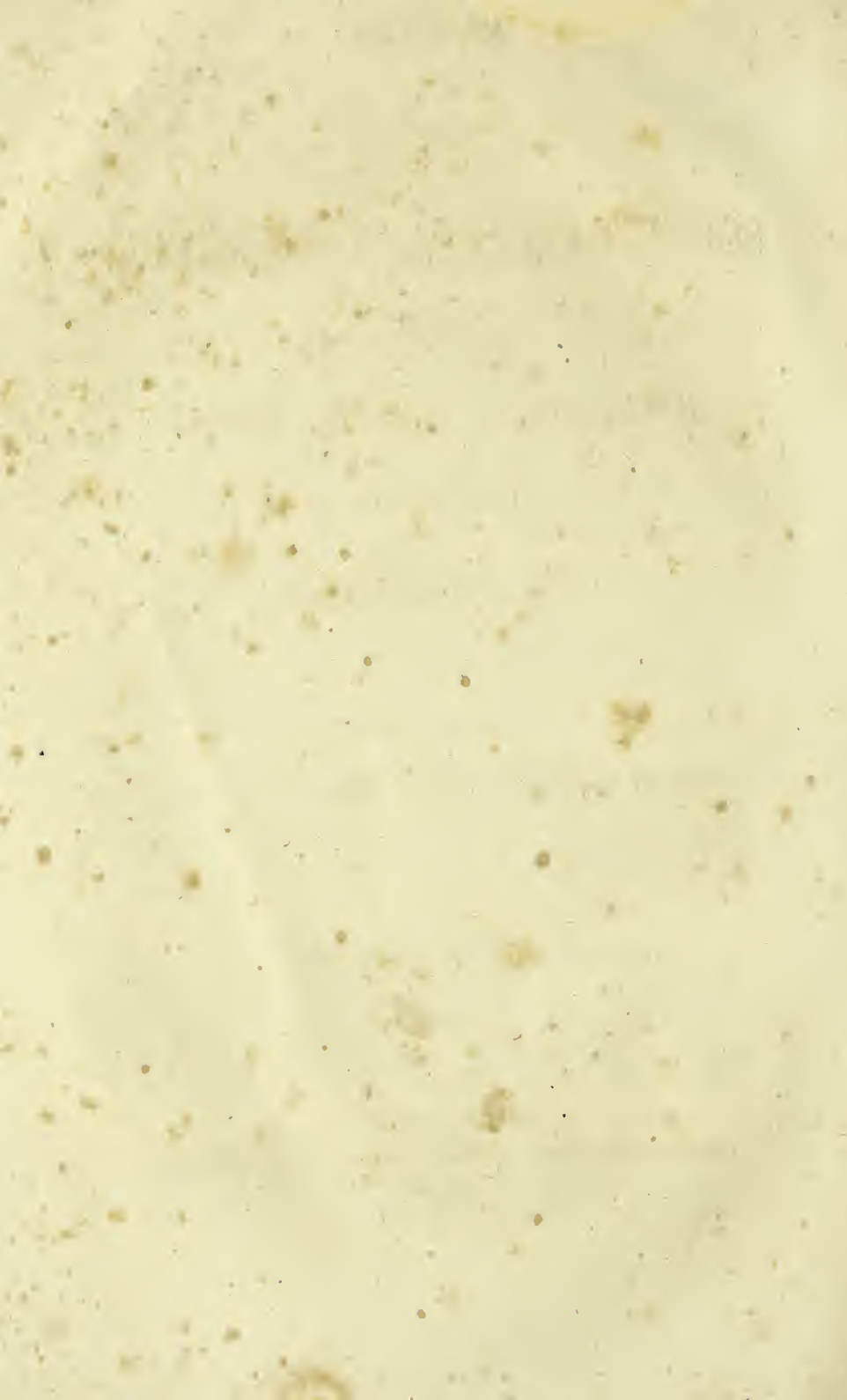
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MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, OF
THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, HELD IN COLUMBIA, S. C.,
NOVEMBER, 1854.

Rev. GEORGE F. PIERCE, D. D., *Bishop*, Culverton, Ga.

Rev. PAUL A. M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*, St. George's, S. C.

1. WHAT PREACHERS ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL ?

F. Milton Kennedy, Alexander B. Stephens, Casper E. Wiggins, John W. Crider, Eugene W. Thompson, William A. Hemmingway, Jesse S. Nelson, S. Barksdale Jones, Landy Wood, R. Thornton Capers, Minton A. Connelly, George R. Andrews. *Re-admitted*, Tilman D. Peurifoy.

2. WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL ?

Edward D. Boyden, Jacob S. Connor, Joshua T. Dubose, Rob't W. Burgess, Lewis M. Hamer, Daniel A. Ogburn.

3. WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION ?

George W. Stokes, Wm. H. Lawton, A. H. Lester, James S. Erwin, E. A. Price, George W. M. Creighton, Robert L. Abernathy.

4. WHO ARE THE DEACONS ?

Osgood A. Darby, Wm. M. Easterling, who were ordained last year; and George W. Stokes, Wm. H. Lawton, A. H. Lester, James S. Erwin, E. A. Price, George W. M. Creighton, and Rob't L. Abernathy, who were ordained this year.

5. WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR ?

F. Asbury Mood, J. Wesley Miller, Wm. M. Mood, Thomas Raysor, Wm. E. Boone, George W. Ivy, Daniel May, Wm. A. Clarke, James T. Kilgo, Wm. B. Currie, Wm. W. Jones, and David D. Byars.

6. WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR ?

Henry A. Bass.

7. WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARIES ?

Charles S. Walker, and Robert L. Abernathy.

8. WHO ARE THE SUPERANNUATED OR WORN-OUT PREACHERS ?

John A. Mood, Samuel W. Capers, W. J. Jackson, A. M. Forster, James L. Belin, James Dannelly, Campbell Smith, Jacob Hill, John Watts, Reddick Pierce, Joel W. Townsend, Henry Bass, Hartwell Spain, and James T. Munds.

9. WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE CONNECTION THIS YEAR ?

None.

10. WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONNECTION THIS YEAR ?

Charles O. Lamotte.

11. ARE ALL THE PREACHERS BLAMELESS IN LIFE AND CONVERSATION?

Their characters were strictly examined by calling over their names severally before the Conference.

12. WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR?

Rev. SAMUEL DUNWOODY was born in Chester co., Pennsylvania, Aug. 3d, 1780, and departed this life, July 8th, 1854. He was converted to God in his 22d year, and was recommended to the So. Ca. Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Ogeechee circuit, in company with the Rev. Wm. M. Kennedy, of precious memory. He was admitted on trial in the So. Ca. Conference, in 1806, and appointed to Bladen and Brunswick circuit, N. C., stationed in Savannah, Ga., in 1807, where he organized the first Methodist Society, in a house hired for the double purpose of school-room and church. In 1808 he was stationed in Wilmington, N. C., 1809 in Fayetteville, 1810 in Georgetown, S. C., 1811 in Charleston. In 1812 he was appointed Presiding Elder of Mississippi District, but was afterward changed for some reason unknown, and stationed in Charleston; this year he was elected a delegate to the first delegated General Conference held in New York. In 1813 he was stationed in St. Mary's, Ga., 1814 in Charleston, 1815 and 1816 in Columbia, S. C., 1817 and 1818 in Augusta Ga., 1819 in Camden, 1820 Sandy River circuit, 1821 Wilmington, N. C., 1822 Fayetteville, 1823 Georgetown, S. C., 1824 Charleston, 1825 Augusta, 1826 Santee circuit, 1827 Liberty circuit, Ga., 1828 Newberry circuit, 1829 Santee, 1830 and 1831 Sandy River circuit, 1832 and 1833 Orangeburg, 1834 Cooper River circuit, 1835 Black Swamp, 1836 Columbia circuit, 1837 Cypress circuit, 1838 and 1839 Cokesbury circuit, 1840 Orangeburg, 1841 Laurens, 1842 and 1843 Edgefield circuit, 1844 and 1845 Newberry. In 1846 he was superannuated, and reluctantly retired from the field of active and useful labor, after a term of nearly 40 years service. As a preacher, brother Dunwoody deserves more than a passing notice. He was an original, both as to matter and manner. In body strong and vigorous, he survived most of his compeers. In mind clear and logical, his sermons were master pieces of their kind. As a controversialist, he drew his arguments and illustrations mostly from the Word of God, and they did wonderful execution. As a student, he was eminently a man of *one book*, and that book the Bible. As a christian, his experience was scriptural, and his example irreproachable. As a pioneer of Methodism, he was bold and undaunted, and he lived to see the handful of seed scattered in his early youth, multiply into an abundant harvest. The disease which terminated his life was paralysis, and he sank gently into the arms of death, as a child would fall asleep on the bosom of its mother. No violence, no struggle, not even a groan marked his exit from this world of sin and sorrow. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

13. WHAT NUMBERS ARE IN OUR CHURCH IN THE BOUNDS OF THE CONF.?

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Local Elders.	Deacons.	Licentiate.	Whites.	Colored.	Amount raised for Missions.	Amount raised for S. School Books.	No. of Schools.	Superintendents.	Teachers.	Children.	Vols in Library.	Bibles and Test's Distributed.	Amount raised for Conference Collections.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.														
Cumberland.....	1			208	1397	524 00	119 02	2 4	44	1004	869	120	150 00	
Trinity.....	1			277	2015		75 02	2 4	23	393	1025	18	150 00	
Bethel.....	1	1		187	1530	260 00	20 00	2 2	11	200	650		100 00	
St. James.....			1	157	282	139 00	26 53	2 2	11	73	250		35 00	
Black Swamp.....	1	2	1	453	668	427 81	30 00	5 5	17	96	122	12	160 00	
Walterboro.....	2		2	790	927	393 50	46 9 9	38	262	500			195 00	
Orangeburgh.....	5	1	3	750	1013	600 00		4 4	10	90	110		172 50	
Cypress.....	4	2	3	1211	1233	658 68	9 07	7 9	30	164	240		148 00	
Cooper River.....	3	4	1	456	736	175 00	4 4	9		115			58 00	
Savannah River Mission				6	496									
Combahee & Ashepoo do					784	844 00								
Round O. do					216	107 00								
Pon Pon do		1			592	477 00								
Okatie do				24	217									
Cooper River do					640									
Beaufort & Pr Wm's do				20	330		1 1	3	30	80				
Edisto Island do					678	295 00								
St. Andrews do				16	330									
COKESBURY DISTRICT.														
Cokesbury.....	19	10	11	4555	11084	4900 99	280 10	38 44	201	2427	3846	150	1168 50	
Abbeville Station.....	4		1	510	705	471 09	45 00	6 7	24	250	600		75 00	
Abbeville Circuit.....	1			47	200	32 59		1 1	6	30	150			
Edgefield.....	3	5	1	450	590	170 00	10 00	2 3	9	60	100		46 00	
Pendleton.....	2	4		813	1010	300 75		8					60 00	
Pickens.....	4	4	4	820	376	102 60	5 7	23	120	220			22 15	
Pickens.....	1	1	1	424	42	20 00							13 00	
Greenville Circuit.....	3	3		985	205	173 34	30 34	6 6	47	399	555	12	50 00	
Greenville Station.....	1	1		95	237	60 00	8 50	1	10	60	950		30 00	
Union Circuit.....	2		1	896	678	400 25	3 3	20	85	400			176 55	
Laurens.....	3	2	3	631	493	318 00	3 00	3 3	19	101	200		65 60	
Newberry Station.....				75	464	102 97	15 00	1 2	12	60	100	8	21 40	
Newberry Circuit.....	1	3		832	1385	285 65	23 00	5 5	17	106	650	85	99 92	
Mt. Tryon.....				444	65	31 00							6 00	
Jocassee Mission.....				113	3	20 10	2 2	2	2	40			1 05	
COLUMBIA DISTRICT.														
Washington Street.....	25	19	11	7135	6513	2488 16	134 84	43 39	189	1311	3925	105	666 67	
Marion ".....	1	1	1	250	506	1863 80	1 2	15	148	580			150 00	
Lexington.....	1	3	2	152	158	267 00	70 00	1 2	14	136	652		75 00	
Columbia Circuit.....				657	588	218 25	6 00	6 6	13	200	500		42 15	
Winnabow and Chester				326	256	197 13	5 5	21	127	561			50 00	
Chester Circuit.....	1			119	506	61 56	2 3	8	45	525			53 25	
Fairfield.....			1	393	263	456 90	1 1	6	49				75 00	
Sumterville.....			2	246	294	100 00	30 00	6 6	25	300	1000		30 00	
Santee.....	1	2	2	184	415	155 50	13 00	1 2	14	130	500		74 00	
Sumter.....	1	3	3	502	953	123 50	10 22	9 9	41	183	379	104	50 00	
Barnwell.....	2	5	1	712	1452	304 50	15 00	8 9	37	210	200	90	100 00	
Congaree Mission.....			2	478	614	206 71	3 3	9	128				105 30	
Upper Santee do				11	306									
Graniteville & Aiken do			1	53	757	285 61								
			1	108	64	121 25	5 00	1 1	10	75	700	7	25 00	
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.														
Georgetown.....	6	12	14	4191	8132	4361 71	149 22	44 49	203	1722	5497	201	807 70	
Black River.....				227	981	500 00	46 30	2 2	20	125	350		82 25	
Conwayboro.....	2		3	945	1306	230 00	8 00	3 3	15	95	400	12	50 00	
Marion.....			6	1035	426	415 30		10 10	29	207		92	55 10	
Marion ct.....	2	0	2	198	208	115 00	17 00	1 1	5	30	150		50 50	
Bennettsville.....	4	8	10	1314	805	294 00		10 13	43	298	160		67 00	
Darlington.....	2	6	3	1057	541	667 00		7 7	39	190	671		100 00	
Cheraw.....	1	5	2	959	745	470 00	50 00	10 13	73	520	600	112	41 00	
Santee Mission.....				98	185	143 00	13 95	1 1	11	39	425		70 10	
Sampit do			5	723	280									
Black River & Pee Dee do				179	300								5 00	
Black Mingo do			1	90	1405	292 40								
Waccamaw do				14	260	330 75								
Society Hill do				35	609	358 00								
Cheraw col'd do				5	143	170 00								
Liberty Chapel do				1	241	263 50								
				44	57	75 00								
TOTALS.														
	12	19	26	6027	8814	4953 95	135 25	44 50	235	1504	2756	216	520 95	

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CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.														
Camden	1			129	405	203 60	21 75	2 3	9	109	797			57 00
Lancaster		1		650	700	250 00	5 00	7 7	20	115	100		1	40 00
Charlotte	1	1		130	175	41 37	29 00	1 1	13	75	560			23 80
Charlotte Circuit				931	574	133 04		4 4	22	123				
Pleasant Grove		3	1	627	276	100 00		8 8	29	214				25 00
Concord		1		624	353	222 00	162 00	6 6	38	264	1100			60 00
Albemarle	1	2		721	100	200 00	32 25	11 15	48	400	1094		37	
Wadesboro'			1	113	137	160 00		1 1	8	90	350		55	
Chesterfield	1	4		977	414	550 00	42 00	10 11	42	292	1169		175	
Waterce Mission			2	685	421	117 55	21 00	7 7	33	179	500			44 00
Long Town do				37	872									
Landsford do				52	127	117 50		1 1	5	40				
				94	219	125 00	10 00	1 1	3	33			13	
	4	12	7	5770	4783	2336 06	323 00	59	65	270	2634	5670	281	246 80
SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.														
Spartanburg				151	90	201 88	33 00	2 2	14	125	650			40 00
Spartanburg Circuit	2	1		640	255	60 00	6 00	8 8	42	210				32 00
Rutherford	2			1188	400	170 00		8 8	14	480	600			7 00
Lincolnton	3			556	305	133 75		5 5	27	179	200			33 50
Dallas	1			329	94	41 40		7 7	23	210	101			12 32
Catawba				901	168	125 25	10 00	14 21	71	453	650		45	25 00
South Mountain Miss				248	3	41 00		3 3	8	70	45	50		41
Shelby	1	2		550	93	78 60	15 00	9 14	50	300	512			25 00
Morganton	1	3		730	494	63 25		7 7	25	175				7 50
McDowell	1	1		416	195	71 00	4 00	2 2	8	80	100	15		10 00
Lenoir	1	4		803	163	75 00		7 7	25	152	50			21 30
Yorkville				75	179	45 75	12 00	1 2	8	45	400			25 00
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RECAPITULATION.														
Charleston	19	10	11	4555	14084	4900 99	280 10	38	44	201	2427	3846	150	1168 50
Cokesbury	25	19	11	7135	6513	2488 16	134 84	43	39	189	1511	3925	105	666 67
Columbia	6	12	14	4191	8134	4361 71	149 22	44	49	203	1722	4597	201	807 70
Georgetown	12	19	26	6027	8814	4953 95	135 25	44	50	235	1504	2756	216	520 95
Charlotte	4	12	7	5770	4783	2336 06	323 00	59	65	270	2634	5670	281	246 80
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14. WHAT AMOUNTS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS, AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF PREACHERS, AND TO MAKE UP THE DEFICIENCIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT OBTAINED THEIR REGULAR ALLOWANCE ON THE CIRCUITS ?

\$4,052.00.

15. WHAT HAS BEEN COLLECTED ON THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS, AND HOW HAS IT BEEN APPLIED ?

The amount received is \$3,873.21, and has been appropriated as follows—being a discount of 7 per cent.

To the Rev. Sam'l Dunwoody,	\$186 00
“ W. J. Jackson,	186 00
“ A. M. Forster,	186 00
“ J. L. Belin,	186 00
“ James Dannelly,	230 64
“ Campbell Smith,	334 80

To the Rev. Jacob Hill,	\$186 00
“ Jno. Watts,	230 64
“ Reddick Pierce,	93 00
“ J. W. Townsend,	208 32
“ Bond English,	186 00
“ H. Spain,	186 00
“ H. Bass,	186 00
Mrs. Gamewell,	93 00
“ Asbury,	93 00
“ Hill,	93 00
“ Morgan,	93 00
“ Kennedy,	93 00
“ McPherson,	93 00
“ Davies,	93 00
“ Turpin,	93 00
“ Tarrant,	93 00
“ Bunch,	93 00
“ McMakin and child,	115 32
“ McDaniel and children,	137 64
Rev. J. M. Bradley,	49 87
“ D. May,	54 93

16. WHAT HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTED FOR THE SUPPORT OF MISSIONS, WHAT FOR THE PUBLICATION OF TRACTS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS, AND WHAT TO AID THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY AND ITS AUXILIARIES ?

For Missions, \$22,766.12; for Sunday School Books, \$1,112.41.

17. WHERE ARE THE PREACHERS STATIONED THIS YEAR ?

CHARLESTON DIST.—*Hugh A. C. Walker*, P. E.

Charleston : *Cumberland, Samuel Leard.*

“ *Trinity, Joseph Cross.*

“ *Bethel, John T. Wightman.*

“ *St. James', William E. Boone.*

Cooper river ct., *Abner Erwin*, *Casper E. Wiggins.*

Cooper river miss., *George W. Moore.*

St. Andrews miss., To be supplied.

Cypress ct., *Allen McCorquodale.*

St. George's ct., *Paul A. M. Williams.*

St. George's and St. Paul's miss., *Abram Nettles.*

Pon Pön miss., *William C. Kirkland.*

Walterboro' ct., *Alexander W. Walker*, *F. Milton Kennedy.*

Ashepoo and Combahee miss., *Peyton G. Bowman*, *E. A. Price.*

Prince William's miss., *William Hutto.*

Black Swamp ct., *Aaron G. Stacy*, *Basil G. Jones.*

Savannah river miss., *John D. W. Crook*, *Daniel A. Ogburn.*

Oakatie Miss., To be supplied.

Edisto and Jehosse miss., *Charles Wilson.*

Beaufort miss., *John R. Coburn.*

GEORGETOWN DIST.—*Charles Betts, P. E.*

Georgetown, *Claudius H. Pritchard*.
 Santee miss., *Martin Eaddy, J. S. Connor*.
 Sampit miss., *Thomas Mitchel*.
 Black river and Pee Dee miss., *A. M. Chrietzburg, Jas. S. Erwin*.
 Black river ct., *M. L. Banks, Wm. W. Jones*.
 Black Mingo miss., *Joseph Parker*.
 Conwayboro' ct., *Jacob L. Shuford, R. Thornton Capers*.
 Waccamaw miss., *Wm. Carson, George W. Stokes*.
 Marion station, *Bond English*.
 Marion ct., *Henry M. Mood, Edward D. Boyden*.
 Bennettsville ct., *Lewis M. Little, John W. Crider*.
 Society Hill miss., *Israel P. Hughes*.
 Cheraw, *Hilliard C. Parsons*.
 Darlington ct., *M. A. McKibben, Lewis M. Hamer*.
 Liberty Chapel miss., *John A. Minnick*.

COLUMBIA DIST.—*William Crook, P. E.*

Columbia: Washington-st., *Whatcoat A. Gamewell*.
 “ Marion-st., *F. Asbury Mood*.
 Congaree miss., *Nicholas Talley*.
 Columbia ct., *Alexander L. Smith*.
 Barnwell ct., *Simpson Jones, William A. Hemmingway*.
 Orangeburgh ct., *D. J. Simmons, William H. Lawton*.
 Lexington ct., *Tilman D. Peurifoy, William M. Mood*.
 Santee ct., *David W. Seale*.
 Upper Santee miss., *Abram P. Avant*.
 Sumterville, *William H. Fleming*.
 Sumter ct., *Julius J. Fleming, R. W. Burgess*.
 Fairfield ct., *Cornelius McLeod*.
 Winnsboro' and Chesterville, *John W. North*.
 Chester ct., *James H. Ward*.
Colin Murchison, Agent for Columbia Female College.

CHARLOTTE DIST.—*D. Derrick, P. E.*

Charlotte, *John R. Pickett*.
 Charlotte ct., *John W. J. Harris, Jesse S. Nelson*.
 Concord ct., *Paul F. Kistler*.
 Albemarle ct., *William C. Clarke*.
 Wadesboro', *Osgood A. Darby*.
 Wadesboro' ct., *Sidi H. Brown, Eugene W. Thompson*.
 Chesterfield ct., *Daniel McDonald*.
 Camden, *James Stacy*.
 Wateree miss., *H. E. Ogburn, Andrew J. Cauthen*.
 Lancaster, *John H. Robinson*.
 Pleasant Grove, *William M. Easterling*.
 Dutchman's Creek miss., *Lewis A. Johnson*.
Tracy R. Walsh, President of Carolina Female College.

SPARTANBURG DIST.—*John W. Kelly, P. E.*Spartanburg station, *William Martin, C. S. Walker, sup.*Spartanburg ct., *Daniel May, Minton A. Connelly.*Rutherford ct., *Robert P. Franks, George R. Andrews.*Lincolnton ct., *William C. Patterson.*Dallas ct., *William A. Clarke.*Catawba ct., *John Finger, R. L. Abernathy, sup.*Shelby, *J. Wesley Miller.*Morganton, *Elias J. Meynardie.*McDowell, *David D. Byars.*Lenoir, *Willis S. Haltom.*Yorkville station, *George W. M. Creighton.*Yorkville ct., *Jacky M. Bradley.**William M. Wightman, President of Wofford College.*COKEsbURY DIST.—*R. J. Boyd, P. E.*Cokesbury ct. *Henry H. Durant, Archibald H. Lester.*Graniteville and Aiken, *John A. Porter.*Edgefield, *John H. Zimmerman, Frederick Rush.*Newberry station, *William A. McSwain.*Newberry ct., *Miles Puckett, Joshua T. Dubose.*Union ct., *William P. Mouzon, Landy Wood.*Tiger River miss., *Williamson Smith.*Laurens, *Thomas Raysor, A. H. Harmon.*Greenville station, *Whitefoord Smith.*Greenville ct., *A. B. McGilvray, A. B. Stephens.*Mt. Tryon, *Lewis Scarbrough.*Jocassee miss., *A. P. Martin.*Pickens, *William B. Currie.*Pendleton, *S. Barksdale Jones, George W. Ivy.**James W. Wightman, Teacher in Cokesbury School.**Samuel Townsend, Agent for Tract Cause in S. C. Conference.**A. M. Shipp, Professor in North Carolina University.**Charles Taylor and Benjamin Jenkins, Misssionaries to China.*

18. WHERE AND WHEN SHALL OUR NEXT CONFERENCE BE HELD?

At Marion C. H., S. C.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE S. C. CONFERENCE.

AUXILIARY TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.—William M. Wightman, President; C. Betts, 1st Vice President; H. A. C. Walker, 2d Vice President; William A. McSwain, Secretary; E. H. Myers, Treasurer. Managers: Whitefoord Smith, C. S. Walker, William Martin, Paul A. M. Williams, C. Murchison, James Stacy, N. Talley, C. H. Pritchard, and William Crook.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the S. C. Conference Missionary Society, beg to present the following as their Report for the year 1854:

Twenty-six years ago, the South Carolina Conference began a system of regular ecclesiastical operations among the plantation negroes of the low-country, by establishing two missions, lying, one of them south of Ashley river, and the other on Santee and Pee Dee rivers. Bishop M'Kendree, of revered memory, appointed from among the ministers of the Conference, two missionaries for this work—then an untried experiment. During the first year, about \$300 were raised throughout the Conference, for the cause of missions. The labors of these pioneer missionaries, during the same period, resulted in the gathering of 417 church members. One of these good men died in September, of bilious fever, taken from exposure in the swamps of his field of operations. The very outset of the enterprise cost the life of a missionary. But this sacrifice furnished proof that the heroic spirit of the ancient faith was not yet extinct in the church; and that Methodist preachers knew how to die at their posts, though these might lie among the rice-fields and negro-quarters.

Nearly a generation has passed away since that day, and it is an interesting matter of inquiry, how far the small beginning, just mentioned, has advanced in a quarter of a century; what practical results have grown out of it; what aspect the field now wears; and what we may safely count upon for the future.

That there has been a large development, the statistics which this Society has published year by year, will fully prove. In 1833, two additional missionary stations were established. In 1834 they numbered six; in 1835 eight; in 1836 nine; in 1837 ten; and ten years afterwards, viz., in 1847, there were 17 missions,

served by 25 efficient preachers of the Conference. At present there are 26 missionary stations, on which are employed 32 ministers, who are supported by the Society. The number of church members is 11,546, including 1,175 whites. The missionary revenue has risen from \$300 to \$25,000. These are the material results, so far as statistics are concerned. They call for devout acknowledgments to God, who has put honor upon this department of our work, and given us abundant favor in the sight of the community in carrying on a line of operations confessedly difficult and delicate.

If we look a little beyond mere statistics, several important results will fix our attention.

And 1st, we are warranted in affirming that public opinion in South Carolina is decidedly in favor of the religious instruction of the negroes, both as a dictate of duty and a matter of policy. In slaveholding communities, public opinion, in all that concerns the established relation of master and servant, must be regarded as an element of highest potency. That the religious sentiment of the country should be directed, clearly and strongly, in favor of furnishing the colored population, particularly the plantation negroes, with the means of hearing the "Gospel of their salvation," and of learning their duty to God, and their accountability in a future life, is a cheering evidence that the labors of this Society—the pioneer in direct and well-sustained missionary efforts among the blacks, have not been fruitless. The case might have been otherwise. Had slaveholders in the South been the merciless despots which Northern fanatics of high and low degree, unite in representing them to be—had they sternly bidden away from their plantations the approach of the missionaries, and closed up all access to their people—had they justified the wretched and false calumnies, which it is the fashion of the northern American press to heap upon them, by showing that they either hated or feared the spread of religious influence among their slaves, and set their faces against all efforts made for their instruction in the knowledge of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ, your Society would have been compelled, years ago, to abandon in hopeless despair, a field which now flourishes, and brings forth fruit to the glory of God. But far different has been the actual result. Your preachers have been welcomed; chapels have been built; liberal contributions have been furnished year by year to your funds by the planters; a deep interest has been awakened on the subject; master and servant worship together; the spirit of Christian light and love has reacted upon the one while it has directly benefitted the other; and in proportion to the spread of religious truth and influence among the blacks, is the satisfaction felt by thousands of masters. Are we wrong in considering this as one of the most cheering aspects of the whole subject?

2d. The influence of Christianity upon the negro population, served by the missionaries of this Society, demands our notice. The Gospel is a message intended for *all* men. It takes up in its grand generalizations, the bond as well as the free. Its offer of salvation is meant to be irrespective of all outward conditions. That it should be preached to all classes of men is the distinct and clearly revealed will of God, and therefore, matter of duty and obligation to the church. Now, if nothing more had been accomplished than the meeting of this solemn responsibility, *that* would have been doing much. Success is with God; duty is for us. And so too, it were matter of special thankfulness with every right-minded master, that in the peculiar relation sustained by him to his slaves, it had been in his power to welcome and aid the Christian minister in preaching Jesus and the Resurrection to his dependents, even though no visible fruit of holiness appeared as the result. But beyond all this, it is confidently believed that Christian influence has made itself felt in the conscience, conversation, and life of thousands of the blacks. A vast deal of ignorance has been in the way, on the part of the old negroes; many superstitious notions, many fixed habits of immorality, have opposed barriers to the entrance of God's Word to the inner man; the improvement on the part of the younger generation, has not been as extensive as their opportunities of instruction. *Where*, indeed, shall we go to find, as yet, the universal sway of Christianity; and where is that community in which it has been allowed to cure all the evils of man's nature? While, however, we do not claim that any very extraordinary success in the conversion of the blacks has followed the ministrations of your missionaries, we yet confidently believe that in a great number of instances, and on all the missionary stations, the force of Christian truth, and the power of Christian motives, and the renewing influences of the Holy Ghost have been felt. It is obvious that much of the instruction given in the ministrations of the missionaries must, of necessity, deal in the first principles of Christianity; must be to a large extent adapted to an humble grade of intellect and a limited extent of information; and must make its impression by constant and patient reiteration. This is precisely what is doing all the time. No romance surrounds such a field of labor; it lacks all the elements which stir the enthusiasm of lofty minds; it is in the highest degree a work of faith, demanding the patience of hope, and the labor of love. Your missionaries are occasionally cheered by some death-bed scene, in some lowly cabin of a negro quarter. Instead of the stupid indifference of a semi-brutal nature, or the frantic moanings of a terrified superstition, they witness the calm confidence of a faith which leans on the bosom of Jesus—the Man of sorrows—the Son of God; and trusts his merits for salvation in a crisis which baffles the proudest reason, and prostrates the loftiest imagination.

But 3dly, it is worthy of notice that the missionary work, as it is carried on in South Carolina, embraces, in addition to the regular preaching of divine truth, the constant catechetical instruction of the young negroes. This is uniformly done orally. These "little children" are brought to Christ. Is it saying too much to affirm that of many such in the kingdom of heaven? Christian nurture thus grows with their growth. Correct ideas of God, of duty, of the relations of time and eternity, of human accountability—the foundation principles of Christian character and life, are laid in the earliest years of these catechumens. All true and trust-worthy morality, in all classes of society, and particularly in the class now specially referred to, springs from these principles incorporated into the inner life. We begin with the nascent growth of the intellect; and the system has demonstrated the entire practicability of the moral improvement of the slave. The lessons imprinted on the mind of childhood may be neglected, and their authority spurned in after life, as in the case of others, in different circumstances; but they can never be forgotten. They cling to the memory; they haunt the conscience; they whisper in the still small voice; they work valuable restraints; they furnish salutary directions; they inspire hopes connected with the soul's best interests; they form a life-long testimony for God and goodness, and against sin and its fearful retributions in the life to come.

Now, it would be singular indeed, if this implantation of moral elements and forces, fitted to act directly upon the formation of character and to mould the moral nature, should lead to no observable good results upon the general deportment and every-day conduct of the negro plantation. It is granted that to look for moral results in the absence of moral causes—for honesty, fidelity, industry, sobriety, kindness, and self-restraint, where no moral instruction has been imparted, would be as absurd as to expect to reap where we have not sown. But we are not proceeding on the basis of any such absurdity. We do not sever the tree from the root, and then look for the bloom and fragrance of Spring and the fruits of Summer. We give the moral nurture, correct the rising vices of these children, train their hopes and fears by the solemn considerations of a hereafter; and we have a right to expect results salutary to the individual and the entire plantation community.

Success, to a large degree, has crowned these exertions. The testimony of masters and missionaries goes to show that a wholesome effect has been produced upon the character of the negro population generally. A change for the better is visible every where when the present generation is contrasted with the past; and in how many cases the Gospel has proved the power of God to salvation, and presented before the throne the spirits of these children of Ham redeemed and washed by "the blood of

sprinkling," and fitted for an abode in heaven, the revelations of the last day will disclose. Results such as these, lie, of course, beyond the track of mortal observation; but if your missionaries have indeed been instrumental in developing and directing aright the sentiment of religion, the capability of understanding and knowing God so as to fear him; of guiding to peace and virtue, and at last to heaven, any number of these docile and lowly, but yet immortal beings, for whom Christ died, their achievements deserve to be reckoned among the noblest triumphs of missionary patience and zeal; none the less important that they lie *at home*, nor the less note-worthy in contrast with the turbulent, malign, and desolating phrenzy at the North; which making the civil and social relations of this class of our population the pretext, has carried politics into the pulpit, and is now pushing the miners and sappers to the very foundations of the federal Union.

It affords the Board of Managers pleasure to call attention to the fact, that at the instance of the late General Conference, the college of Bishops, in their distribution of episcopal visitations, has made provision to embrace hereafter, these missions to the blacks in their regular visitations. Bishop Capers, it is understood, will make a tour through them, next Spring. Such an arrangement will be regarded as eminently due to the importance of this department of our ecclesiastical work, and will, we doubt not, be alike agreeable to our honorable patrons and their dependents.

The Board having frequently heretofore, referred to foreign missions in their annual Reports, take the liberty at the present time to confine the attention of the Missionary Society to the subject of the home work; concluding the present Report with a brief statistical view of the several fields of labor under the immediate charge of the Society.

1. The *Waterce Mission* was served the past year by Revs. S. W. and R. T. Capers, who report 37 white and 872 colored members, and 390 children catechised.

2. The *Landsford Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. L. A. Johnson, who reports 4 preaching places, 87 white, 205 colored members.

3. The *Savannah River Mission* was served the past year by Revs. J. D. W. Crook and Jacob S. Connor, who report 15 plantations served, 9 preaching places, 6 white, 496 colored members.

4. The *Ashepoo Mission* was served the past year by Rev. P. G. Bowman, who reports 17 plantations served, 341 church members, and 150 children catechised.

5. The *Congaree Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. N. Talley, who reports 17 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 11 white, and 267 colored members, and 280 children catechised.

6. The *Pen Pon Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. W. C. Kirkland, who reports 11 plantations served, 592 church members, and 182 children catechised.

7. *Upper Santee Mission* was served the past year by Revs. A. P. Avant and S. Owens, who report 28 plantations, 8 preaching places, 53 white, and 757 colored members, and 250 children catechised.

8. The *Santee Mission* was served the past year by Rev. M. Eaddy, who reports 16 preaching places, 728 members of the church, and 339 children catechised.

9. The *Sampit Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. Thomas Mitchell, who reports 5 preaching places, 179 church members, and 200 children catechised.

10. The *Graniteville and Aiken Mission* was served the past year by Rev. C. McLeod, who reports 108 white and 64 colored members. There is a Sabbath School on this Mission (white) of 1 Superintendent, 10 Teachers, and 75 children.

11. The *Black River and Pee Dee Mission* was served the past year by Revs. J. L. Shuford and D. A. Ogburn, who report 10 plantations served, 10 preaching places, 100 white, and 1,420 colored members, and 358 children catechised.

12. The *Black Mingo Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. Jas. Parker, who reports 21 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 214 white, and 260 colored members, and 450 children catechised.

13. The *Waccamaw Mission* was served the past year by Revs. M. L. Banks and William Carson, who report 16 plantations served, 5 preaching places, 41 white, and 636 colored members, and 503 children catechised.

14. The *Society Hill Mission* was served the past year by Rev. I. P. Hughes, who reports 15 plantations, 5 preaching places, 5 white, 143 colored members, and 230 children catechised.

15. The *Cheraw Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. F. Rush, who reports 23 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 242 church members, and 226 children catechised.

16. *Liberty Chapel Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. P. Martin, who reports 5 preaching places, 44 white, and 157 colored members, and 125 children catechised.

17. The *South Mountain Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. B. G. Jones, who reports 248 white and 3 colored members. There are 3 Sabbath Schools, 3 Superintendents, 8 teachers, 70 children, and 45 volumes in library. (This Mission is to the whites.)

18. The *Beaufort Mission* was served the past year by the Revs. G. W. Moore and C. O. Lamotte, who report 24 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 20 white, 330 colored members, and and 550 children catechised.

19. The *Combahee Mission* was served the past year by the

Rev. J. R. Coburn, who reports 19 plantations served, 8 preaching places, 443 church members, and 305 children catechised.

20. The *Round O Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. P. A. M. Williams, who reports 13 plantations served, 216 church members, and 163 children catechised. The Board do not recommend the continuance of this Mission.

21. The *Edisto and Jehosse Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. Charles Wilson, who reports 12 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 678 church members, and 150 children catechised.

22. The *Cooper River Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. Erwin, who reports 9 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 640 church members, and 160 children catechised.

23. The *Long Town Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. Jno. A. Porter, who reports 3 preaching places, 58 white, and 152 colored members. There is on this Mission a Sunday School (white) of 1 Superintendent and 40 children.

24. The *Jocassee Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. H. Harmon, who reports 11 preaching places, 103 white, and 3 colored members. There are 2 Sabbath Schools, 2 Superintendents, 3 teachers, and 40 children.

25. The *Oakatie Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. J. Green, who reports 24 white and 217 colored members.

26. The *St. Andrews Mission* was served the past year by the Rev. A. R. Danner, who reports 15 plantations served, 5 preaching places, 16 white, and 330 colored members, and 75 children catechised.

The Missions are all reported to be in a sound and prosperous condition.

The *Landsford* and *Long Town Missions* have been merged into one, and the Mission called *Dutchman's Creek*.

The Board respectfully recommend the formation of two new Missions: One to be called *St. George's* and *St. Paul's*, and the other to be called *Tiger River Mission*; both for the benefit of the colored people.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Rev'ds H. A. C. Walker, James Stacy, C. H. Pritchard, William Martin, Colin Murchison, C. S. Walker, W. A. McSwain; Robert Bryce, Esq., Columbia; Joseph P. Smith, Wadesboro'; George W. Williams, Charleston; Samuel M. Stevenson, Marion C. H.; Drs. Joseph H. Dogan, Union; and W. J. T. Miller, ———, N. C.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance beg leave to present their Report. They deeply regret their inability to pay off all claims against

